

BIRDS: VERIFYING DOCUMENTATION OF AN EXTRAORDINARY SIGHT RECORD.

1. Species Pine Warbler 2. Number: one
 3. Location McFarland Park, Story Co.
 4. Date: September 15, 1984 5. Time Bird seen: Approximately to 10:00-10:10 am
 6. Description of size, shape and color-pattern (describe in great detail all parts of the plumage, and beak and feet coloration, in addition, to the diagnostic characteristics, but include only what actually was seen in the field): warbler - size of solitary vireo - olive green head and back with no streaking - buffy yellow throat and breast - streak over eye - 2 large white wing bars - dark bill and legs - gray wings - minute streaking on side of breast under wings - white under tail
 7. Description of voice, if heard: none
 8. Description of behavior: probing branches and leaves
 9. Habitat - general: wooded edge
specific: tree on edge
 10. Similarly appearing species which are eliminated by questions 6, 7 & 8, Explain:
Solitary vireo has eye ring this bird did not
 11. Distance (how measured)? 10 feet (estimate) 12. Optical equipment:
Bushnell 8x40 binoculars
 13. Light (sky, light on bird, position of sun in relation to bird and you):
clear day, sun at back but blocked by trees, very light
 14. Previous experience with this species and similarly appearing species:
none
 15. Other observers:
Steve Dinsmore, Eric Munson and 30 other people on field trip
 16. Did the others agree with your identification?
yes
 17. Other observers who independently identified this bird:
none
 18. Books, illustrations and advice consulted, and how did these influence this description:
Peterson
Robbins
National Geographic
 19. How long after observing this bird did you first write this description?
Written from field notes of same day
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